

Unique Concept Planned for SWOSU's First Play of the Season

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Art, Communication & Theatre is putting a new spin on a Shakespearean classic for the Hilltop Theatre's first production of the semester on the Weatherford campus.

Inspired by a photograph in his office, director Steve Strickler along with technical director Debra Holmes have decided to incorporate a vaudevillian theme into A *Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The photo, which is from a 1930s performance in the Old Science Building on campus, was from an entertainment era whose style is being brought forth in everything from set design to costumes to brand of acting. The entire cast is to be thought of as "spirits of the theatre" from that vaudevillian age whose desire to put on a play is fulfilled against the recreated space of the old stage and with vintage attire and slapstick humor perfectly befitting this romantic comedy.

Production dates are set for November 6, 7, and 8 at 7:30 nightly. Tickets for the show go on sale October 27 can be obtained at the box office on Mondays through Fridays from 4-7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students, and free for individuals with a valid SWOSU I.D.

For reservations or further information, call 580.774.6046.